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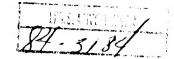
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June 14, 1984

The Honorable William J. Casey Director of Central Intelligence Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

Over the past year, the Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Security and Terrorism, Chaired by Senator Jeremiah Denton, has held a number of hearings related to the 1984 Olympic Games scheduled to be held in Los Angeles this summer. Members of the staff of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence have also been following this issue very closely.

It is my understanding that representatives of the CIA have appeared as witnesses before Senator Denton's Subcommittee and have been cooperating with the FBI in its lead role to guarantee the security of the Summer Olympics. I believe that the CIA's role is extremely important, especially in light of the fact that the Soviet Union has withdrawn from the Games claiming that they have "concerns about security." As well, a number of their satellites have also withdrawn. It seems to me that nothing would better serve the Soviet interest than to have some kind of terrorist incident at the Games. Given their record of support for terrorism, I do not think it is too far fetched to think they might be planning or involved in provoking an incident to prove their case.

Bill, I think Jerry Denton has done a good job in the hearings he has held and I hear that people are satisfied with the flow and quality of intelligence on this subject. I would hope that this effort is sustained. Maybe this is just a little bit of free advice, but I think it is vital that the Intelligence Community makes every effort to cover the target of terrorism directed against the Games.

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We are dealing with far more than an international incident here; we are dealing with the lives and safety of foreign athletes and officials not to mention our own athletes, officials and citizens. If there is anything I or this Committee can do to help you in this area, please let us know.

In the meantime, I have asked the staff to keep in touch with the Intelligence Community on the subject of its efforts to guarantee the security of the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

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